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Please see attached letter addressed to the President from Congressional Member(s).

To: Federal Communication Commission
Action Requested: **Appropriate Action**

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March 18, 2020

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As our nation confronts the COVID-19 pandemic, I urge you to consider the effects that efforts to contain the spread of the virus are having on those living in rural communities who lack sufficient broadband access.

As you know, our health care and education systems are being strained as hospitals prioritize COVID-19 testing and treatment, while schools seek to prevent the spread of the virus by prohibiting students from attending class. As a result, Americans seeking help from medical providers must rely on telehealth services and students are being asked to take classes online. These new realities have left millions of rural Americans who have little or no access to broadband feeling abandoned and desperately in need of help.

As you negotiate with Congress on upcoming emergency legislation regarding COVID-19, I strongly urge you to prioritize the expeditious delivery of broadband to rural areas to ensure students have access to remote educational services and residents have full access to telehealth services.

I applaud your strong leadership through this national emergency as your administration works to change the trajectory of COVID-19 and slow its spread, and simply ask that you not forget rural Americans who are forced to face the consequences of the digital divide as new containment measures are implemented.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert B. Aderholt".

Robert B. Aderholt
Member of Congress